



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1. George Blakemore

[19-1880](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 1/22/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-1880. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1750](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL**

## Conflict Cases:

*Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al.*

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the  
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

**Tab Item No. 1**

*Brown v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm  
of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

**Tab Item No. 2**

*Consolino v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 9011

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and  
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 3**

*Tate v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 18 CH 2749

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and  
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 4**

*Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and*

*Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and  
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 5**

*Shakman, et al. v. Cook County Recorder of Deeds*

Case No. 69 C 2145

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Dana L. Kurtz and

the firm of Kurtz Law Offices, LTD

**Tab Item No. 6**

*Shakman v. Cook County Recorder of Deeds, et al.*

Case No. 69 C 2145

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and  
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 7**

*Hernandez v. John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital, et al.*

Case No. 15 L 11937

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Anne Stalder Nelson and  
the firm of Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 8**

*In Re: Level Assessment Litigation*

Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 COTO 3938

2005 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 1618

2006 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 0779

2007 Tax Obj. No. 08 COTO 5700

2008 Tax Obj. No. 09 COTO 6258

Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the  
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 9**

*Chicago Tribune Company v. Cook County Assessor's Office*

Case No: 16 CH 4992

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and  
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 10**

*Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm  
of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 11**

*Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.*

Case No: 16 C 11723

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Brette Bensinger and the  
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

**Tab Item No. 12**

*Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 13**

*Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County.*

Case No. 18 L 3398

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 14**

*Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 08 C 6946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 15**

*Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.*

*Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County  
Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 16**

*Antonio Perry v. Starks, et al.*

Case No. 16 C 4557

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 17****Non-Conflict Cases:**

*Joel Vargas v. Dart, et al.,*

Case No. 18 C 1598

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the  
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 1**

*Martenia Shyne, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 1231*

*Miguel Lopez v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0733*

*Steven Cruz v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0915*

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the  
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 2**

*Acevedo v. Dart, et al.,*

Case No. 18 - 1128

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the  
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 3**

*Gerald Schmidt v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.*

*Goral, et al. v. Dart, et al., 18-1646*

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the  
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 4**

*Thomas J. Dart v. Karyn Williams*

Case No: 18 CH 8624

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the  
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 5**

*Michno v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.*

*Hernandez v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case No: 07 C 855

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Terrence F. Guolee and  
the Firm of Querrey & Harrow, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 6**

*Monae v. Dart, et al., and Simpson v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 18 C 0424 and 18 C 0553

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Robert T. Shannon and the  
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

**Tab Item No. 7**

*Hacker v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 17 C 4282

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Robert T. Shannon and the  
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

**Tab Item No. 8**

*Whitney v. Khan, et al., 18 C 4475*

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Gutowski and the  
firm of Johnson & Bell, Ltd.

**Tab Item No. 9**

*Deisy James v. Cook County, et al., 18 CH 11465*

*Deisy James v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8291*

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*Deisy Jaimes v. Cook County, et al., 18 CH 11465*

*Deisy Jaimes v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8291*

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and  
the Firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 10**

*Crystal Brown v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085*

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*Sdahrie Howard v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146*

*Sdahrie Howard v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146*

*Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 9056*

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*Madeline Ramos v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 0274*

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*Dave Falguni v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949*

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and  
the Firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 11**

*Thomas Lenoir v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 1027*

*Jerome Lawrence v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 704*

*Charlene Bigelow, et al. v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 2055*

*Dawayne Dennis v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 18 C 2217*

*Wilbert Reyes v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 17 C 9223*

*Gene Michno v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al. - 13 C 7163, 13 C 7949*

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Manuel Sanchez and the firm  
of Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 12**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 19-1750. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1755](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

*Conflicts Counsel Unit*

*10/27/2018 -1/25/2019*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1755. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1833](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Combs v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 3173

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1833. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1834](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *LeDuc v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 16 L 10084

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1834. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1838](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau



**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Simmons v. Robinson, et al.*

**Case Number:** 15 C 4673

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1838. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1842](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Michael Baker v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 15 L 10115

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1842. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

**Present:** Britton (1)

[19-1846](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Guillermina Vallecillo v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 16 L 11554

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1846. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1850](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Crystal Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., Sdahrie Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al. Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., Madeline Ramos v. Cook County, et al., Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 C 8085, 17 C 8146, 17 C 9056, 18 C 2949, 18 C 274

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1850. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1854](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Cases related to Percy Taylor v. Dart*

**Case Number:** 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1854. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1858](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Harold Richardson v. City of Chicago, et al. Vincent Thames v. City of Chicago, et al., Michael Saunders v. City of Chicago, et al.*

**Case Number:** 12 C 9158, 12 C 9184, 12 C 9170

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1858. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1864](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1864. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1868](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Appointment of Outside Counsel

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1868. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1872](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM LAW FIRMS

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1872. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman



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Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.